Promotion of tourism projects in Karnataka

2950. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal seeking Rs. 611 crores for taking up various tourism promotion projects in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the tourist places proposed to be developed with the Central assistance; and

(c) what is the status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Development and promotion of tourist spots/places is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

However, Ministry of Tourism privides funds to the State Government for the projects which are prioritized in consultation with them every year for the following shcemes.

(i) Travel Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructureand Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating Projects

For prioritized Destinations/Circuits, project proposals, which are received complete in all respects, are processed on *inter-se priority* basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head every year.

Samples of drinking water supplied by DJB

2951.SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of the samples of drinking water supplied by the Delhi Jal Board were tested in the last week of March this year in six of the City's 12 civic zones and in some hospitals and dispensaries;

(b) whether it is a fact that at least 280 samples failed that test; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fix responsibility in the matter and address the situation to save the Capital from Cholera and water borne diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Delhi Jal Board (DJB) have informed that 36 sample were lifted by DJB from Hindu Rao Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, I.D. Hospital Kingsway Camp, Swaroop Nagar Hospital, Swaroop Nagar, Paramanand Hospital Civil Lines, Tirathram Hospital, Maya Muni Ram Jain Hospital Pitampura, All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Dispensary Mangla Puri in the month of March 2005. Out of them 12 water samples were lifted in the last week of March, 2005 and quality of all the samples was found fit.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Jal Board have also informed that they have lifted 9825 water samples from public places, individual houses, public stand posts, complainant houses etc. all over Delhi in the month of March-2005. Out of them 276 water samples were found unfit for human consumption. These were due to leakages in individual service connections, use of online boosters during non-supply hours, surcharging of sever etc. The same were attended to on priority. DJB have informed that such local contaminations are a possibility, considering the total pipe network of more than 9000 Km. and there is no individual responsible for the above. Further, as informed, there had been no epidemical problems like cholera etc. in Delhi due to the water supplied by DJB.

Corruption in water-shed programmes

2952. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enormous amounts of money have gone into and water-shed programmes in various States; and

(b) whether in view of allegations of corruption and embezzlements